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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
 5 “Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act of 1998”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents is
 7 as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- Sec. 2. The Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program.
- Sec. 3. Extending Medicare coverage for OASDI disability benefit recipients who are using tickets to work and self-sufficiency.
- Sec. 4. Technical amendments relating to drug addicts and alcoholics.
- Sec. 5. Extension of disability insurance program demonstration project authority.
- Sec. 6. Perfecting amendments related to withholding from Social Security benefits.
- Sec. 7. Treatment of prisoners.
- Sec. 8. Revocation by members of the clergy of exemption from Social Security coverage.
- Sec. 9. Additional technical amendment relating to cooperative research or demonstration projects under titles II and XVI.

8 **SEC. 2. THE TICKET TO WORK AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY**
 9 **PROGRAM.**

10 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Part A of title XI of the Social
 11 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) is amended by add-
 12 ing at the end the following new section:

13 “THE TICKET TO WORK AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY
 14 PROGRAM

15 “SEC. 1147. (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commissioner
 16 of Social Security shall establish a Ticket to Work and
 17 Self-Sufficiency Program, under which a disabled bene-
 18 ficiary may use a ticket to work and self-sufficiency issued
 19 by the Commissioner in accordance with this section to

1 obtain employment services, vocational rehabilitation serv-
2 ices, or other support services from an employment net-
3 work which is of the beneficiary's choice and which is will-
4 ing to provide such services to such beneficiary.

5 “(b) TICKET SYSTEM.—

6 “(1) DISTRIBUTION OF TICKETS.—The Com-
7 missioner of Social Security may issue a ticket to
8 work and self-sufficiency to disabled beneficiaries for
9 participation in the Program.

10 “(2) ASSIGNMENT OF TICKETS.—A disabled
11 beneficiary holding a ticket to work and self-suffi-
12 ciency may assign the ticket to any employment net-
13 work of the beneficiary's choice which is serving
14 under the Program and is willing to accept the as-
15 signment.

16 “(3) TICKET TERMS.—A ticket issued under
17 paragraph (1) shall consist of a document which evi-
18 dences the Commissioner's agreement to pay (as
19 provided in paragraph (4)) an employment network,
20 which is serving under the Program and to which
21 such ticket is assigned by the beneficiary, for such
22 employment services, vocational rehabilitation serv-
23 ices, and other support services as the employment
24 network may provide to the beneficiary.

1 “(4) PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYMENT NET-
2 WORKS.—The Commissioner shall pay an employ-
3 ment network under the Program in accordance with
4 the outcome payment system under subsection
5 (h)(2) or under the outcome-milestone payment sys-
6 tem under subsection (h)(3) (whichever is elected
7 pursuant to subsection (h)(1)). An employment net-
8 work may not request or receive compensation for
9 such services from the beneficiary.

10 “(c) STATE PARTICIPATION.—

11 “(1) PERIODIC ELECTIONS.—Each State agen-
12 cy administering or supervising the administration
13 of the State plan approved under title I of the Reha-
14 bilitation act of 1973 may elect to participate in the
15 Program (or to revoke any such election) as an em-
16 ployment network. The Commissioner shall provide
17 for periodic opportunities for exercising such elec-
18 tions (and revocations).

19 “(2) TREATMENT OF STATE AGENCIES.—Any
20 such election (or revocation) by a State agency de-
21 scribed in paragraph (1) taking effect during any
22 period for which an individual residing in the State
23 is a disabled beneficiary and a client of the State
24 agency shall not be effective with respect to such in-
25 dividual to the extent that such election (or revoca-

1 tion) would result in any change in the method of
2 payment to the State agency with respect to the in-
3 dividual from the method of payment to the State
4 agency with respect to the individual in effect imme-
5 diately before such election (or revocation).

6 “(3) EFFECT OF PARTICIPATION BY STATE
7 AGENCY.—

8 “(A) STATE AGENCIES PARTICIPATING.—

9 In any case in which a State agency described
10 in paragraph (1) elects under paragraph (1) to
11 participate in the Program—

12 “(i) the employment services, voca-
13 tional rehabilitation services, and other
14 support services which, upon assignment of
15 tickets to work and self-sufficiency, are
16 provided to disabled beneficiaries by the
17 State agency acting as an employment net-
18 work shall be governed by plans for voca-
19 tional rehabilitation services approved
20 under title I of the Rehabilitation Act of
21 1973; and

22 “(ii) the provisions of section 222(d)
23 and the provisions of subsections (d) and
24 (e) of section 1615 shall not apply with re-
25 spect to such State.

1 “(B) STATE AGENCIES ADMINISTERING
2 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES PRO-
3 GRAMS.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply
4 with respect to any State agency administering
5 a program under title V of this Act.

6 “(4) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO
7 CROSS-REFERRAL TO CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which
9 an employment network has been assigned a
10 ticket to work and self-sufficiency by a disabled
11 beneficiary, no State agency shall be deemed re-
12 quired, under this section, title I of the Reha-
13 bilitation Act of 1973, or a State plan approved
14 under such title, to accept any referral of such
15 disabled beneficiary from such employment net-
16 work unless such employment network and such
17 State agency have entered into a written agree-
18 ment that meets the requirements of subpara-
19 graph (B).

20 “(B) TERMS OF AGREEMENT.—An agree-
21 ment required by subparagraph (A) shall speci-
22 fy, in accordance with regulations prescribed
23 pursuant to subparagraph (C)—

1 “(i) the extent (if any) to which the
2 employment network holding the ticket will
3 provide to the State agency—

4 “(I) reimbursement for costs in-
5 curred in providing services described
6 in subparagraph (A) to the disabled
7 beneficiary; and

8 “(II) other amounts from pay-
9 ments made by the Commissioner to
10 the employment network pursuant to
11 subsection (h); and

12 “(ii) any other conditions that may be
13 required by such regulations.

14 “(C) REGULATIONS.—The Commissioner
15 of Social Security and the Secretary of Edu-
16 cation shall jointly prescribe regulations specify-
17 ing the terms of agreements required by sub-
18 paragraph (A) and otherwise necessary to carry
19 out the provisions of this paragraph.

20 “(D) PENALTY.—No payment may be
21 made to an employment network pursuant to
22 subsection (h) in connection with services pro-
23 vided to any disabled beneficiary if such em-
24 ployment network makes referrals described in
25 subparagraph (A) in violation of the terms of

1 the contract required under subparagraph (A)
2 or without having entered into such a contract.

3 “(d) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF
4 SOCIAL SECURITY.—

5 “(1) SELECTION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF PRO-
6 GRAM MANAGERS.—The Commissioner of Social Se-
7 curity shall enter into agreements with one or more
8 organizations in the private or public sector for serv-
9 ice as a program manager to assist the Commis-
10 sioner in administering the Program. Any such pro-
11 gram manager shall be selected by means of a com-
12 petitive bidding process, from among organizations
13 in the private or public sector with available exper-
14 tise and experience in the field of vocational rehabili-
15 tation or employment services.

16 “(2) TENURE, RENEWAL, AND EARLY TERMI-
17 NATION.—Each agreement entered into under para-
18 graph (1) shall provide for early termination upon
19 failure to meet performance standards which shall be
20 specified in the agreement and which shall be
21 weighted to take into account any performance in
22 prior terms. Such performance standards shall in-
23 clude (but are not limited to)—

24 “(A) measures for ease of access by bene-
25 ficiaries to services; and

1 “(B) measures for determining the extent
2 to which failures in obtaining services for bene-
3 ficiaries fall within acceptable parameters, as
4 determined by the Commissioner.

5 “(3) PRECLUSION FROM DIRECT PARTICIPA-
6 TION IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES IN OWN SERVICE
7 AREA.—Agreements under paragraph (1) shall pre-
8 clude—

9 “(A) direct participation by a program
10 manager in the delivery of employment services,
11 vocational rehabilitation services, or other sup-
12 port services to beneficiaries in the service area
13 covered by the program manager’s agreement;
14 and

15 “(B) the holding by a program manager of
16 a financial interest in an employment network
17 or service provider which provides services in a
18 geographic area covered under the program
19 manager’s agreement.

20 “(4) SELECTION OF EMPLOYMENT NET-
21 WORKS.—The Commissioner shall select and enter
22 into agreements with employment networks for serv-
23 ice under the Program. Such employment networks
24 shall be in addition to State agencies serving as em-

1 employment networks pursuant to elections under sub-
2 section (c).

3 “(5) TERMINATION OF AGREEMENTS WITH EM-
4 PLOYMENT NETWORKS.—The Commissioner shall
5 terminate agreements with employment networks for
6 inadequate performance, as determined by the Com-
7 missioner.

8 “(6) QUALITY ASSURANCE.—The Commissioner
9 shall provide for such periodic reviews as are nec-
10 essary to provide for effective quality assurance in
11 the provision of services by employment networks.
12 The Commissioner shall take into account the views
13 of consumers and the program manager under which
14 the employment networks serve and shall consult
15 with providers of services to develop performance
16 measurements. The Commissioner shall ensure that
17 the results of the periodic reviews are made available
18 to beneficiaries who are prospective service recipients
19 as they select employment networks. The Commis-
20 sioner shall ensure the performance of periodic sur-
21 veys of beneficiaries receiving services under the
22 Program designed to measure customer service satis-
23 faction.

24 “(7) DISPUTE RESOLUTION.—The Commis-
25 sioner shall provide for a mechanism for resolving

1 disputes between beneficiaries and employment net-
2 works and between program managers and employ-
3 ment networks. The Commissioner shall afford a
4 party to such a dispute a reasonable opportunity for
5 a full and fair review of the matter in dispute.

6 “(e) PROGRAM MANAGERS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A program manager shall
8 conduct tasks appropriate to assist the Commis-
9 sioner in carrying out the Commissioner’s duties in
10 administering the Program.

11 “(2) RECRUITMENT OF EMPLOYMENT NET-
12 WORKS.—A program manager shall recruit, and rec-
13 ommend for selection by the Commissioner, employ-
14 ment networks for service under the Program. The
15 program manager shall carry out such recruitment
16 and provide such recommendations, and shall mon-
17 itor all employment networks serving in the Program
18 in the geographic area covered under the program
19 manager’s agreement, to the extent necessary and
20 appropriate to ensure that adequate choices of serv-
21 ices are made available to beneficiaries. Employment
22 networks may serve under the Program only pursu-
23 ant to an agreement entered into with the Commis-
24 sioner under the Program incorporating the applica-
25 ble provisions of this section and regulations there-

1 under, and the program manager shall provide and
2 maintain assurances to the Commissioner that pay-
3 ment by the Commissioner to employment networks
4 pursuant to this section is warranted based on com-
5 pliance by such employment networks with the terms
6 of such agreement and this section. The program
7 manager shall not impose numerical limits on the
8 number of employment networks to be recommended
9 pursuant to this paragraph.

10 “(3) FACILITATION OF ACCESS BY BENE-
11 FICIARIES TO EMPLOYMENT NETWORKS.—A pro-
12 gram manager shall facilitate access by beneficiaries
13 to employment networks. The program manager
14 shall ensure that each beneficiary is allowed changes
15 in employment networks for good cause, as deter-
16 mined by the Commissioner, without being deemed
17 to have rejected services under the Program. The
18 program manager shall establish and maintain lists
19 of employment networks available to beneficiaries
20 and shall make such lists generally available to the
21 public. The program manager shall ensure that all
22 information provided to disabled beneficiaries pursu-
23 ant to this paragraph is provided in accessible for-
24 mat.

1 “(4) ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE
2 SERVICES.—The program manager shall ensure that
3 employment services, vocational rehabilitation serv-
4 ices, and other support services are provided to
5 beneficiaries throughout the geographic area covered
6 under the program manager’s agreement, including
7 rural areas.

8 “(5) REASONABLE ACCESS TO SERVICES.—The
9 program manager shall take such measures as are
10 necessary to ensure that sufficient employment net-
11 works are available and that each beneficiary receiv-
12 ing services under the Program has reasonable ac-
13 cess to employment services, vocational rehabilitation
14 services, and other support services. Such services
15 may include case management, benefits counseling,
16 supported employment, career planning, career plan
17 development, vocational assessment, job training,
18 placement, follow-up services, and such other serv-
19 ices as may be specified by the Commissioner under
20 the Program. The program manager shall ensure
21 that such services are coordinated.

22 “(f) EMPLOYMENT NETWORKS.—

23 “(1) QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT NET-
24 WORKS.—Each employment network serving under
25 the Program shall consist of an agency or instru-

1 mentality of a State (or a political subdivision there-
2 of) or a private entity, which assumes responsibility
3 for the coordination and delivery of services under
4 the Program to individuals assigning to the employ-
5 ment network tickets to work and self-sufficiency
6 issued under subsection (b). No employment network
7 may serve under the Program unless it demonstrates
8 to the Commissioner substantial expertise and expe-
9 rience in the field of employment services, vocational
10 rehabilitation services, or other support services for
11 individuals with disabilities and provides an array of
12 such services. An employment network shall consist
13 of either a single provider of such services or of an
14 association of such providers organized so as to com-
15 bine their resources into a single entity. An employ-
16 ment network may meet the requirements of sub-
17 section (e)(4) by providing services directly, or by
18 entering into agreements with other individuals or
19 entities providing appropriate employment services,
20 vocational rehabilitation services, or other support
21 services.

22 “(2) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO PROVISION
23 OF SERVICES.—Each employment network serving
24 under the Program shall be required under the
25 terms of its agreement with the Commissioner to—

1 “(A) serve prescribed service areas;

2 “(B) meet, and maintain compliance with,
3 both general selection criteria (such as profes-
4 sional and governmental certification and edu-
5 cational credentials) and specific selection cri-
6 teria (such as the extent of work experience by
7 the provider with specific populations); and

8 “(C) take such measures as are necessary
9 to ensure that employment services, vocational
10 rehabilitation services, and other support serv-
11 ices provided under the Program by, or under
12 agreements entered into with, the employment
13 network are provided under appropriate individ-
14 ual work plans meeting the requirements of
15 subsection (g).

16 “(3) ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING.—Each
17 employment network shall meet financial reporting
18 requirements as prescribed by the Commissioner.

19 “(4) PERIODIC OUTCOMES REPORTING.—Each
20 employment network shall prepare periodic reports,
21 on at least an annual basis, itemizing for the covered
22 period specific outcomes achieved with respect to
23 specific services provided by the employment net-
24 work. Such reports shall conform to a national
25 model prescribed under this section. Each employ-

1 ment network shall provide a copy of the latest re-
2 port issued by the employment network pursuant to
3 this paragraph to each beneficiary upon enrollment
4 under the Program for services to be received
5 through such employment network. Upon issuance of
6 each report to each beneficiary, a copy of the report
7 shall be maintained in the files of the employment
8 network pertaining to the beneficiary. The program
9 manager shall ensure that copies of all such reports
10 issued under this paragraph are made available to
11 the public under reasonable terms.

12 “(g) INDIVIDUAL WORK PLANS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each employment network
14 shall—

15 “(A) take such measures as are necessary
16 to ensure that employment services, vocational
17 rehabilitation services, and other support serv-
18 ices provided under the Program by, or under
19 agreements entered into with, the employment
20 network are provided under appropriate individ-
21 ual work plans as defined by the Commissioner;
22 and

23 “(B) develop and implement each such in-
24 dividual work plan, in the case of each bene-
25 ficiary receiving such services, in a manner that

1 affords such beneficiary the opportunity to ex-
2 ercise informed choice in selecting an employ-
3 ment goal and specific services needed to
4 achieve that employment goal.

5 A beneficiary’s individual work plan shall take effect
6 upon approval by the beneficiary.

7 “(2) VOCATIONAL EVALUATION.—In devising
8 the work plan, the employment network shall under-
9 take a vocational evaluation with respect to the ben-
10 eficiary. Each vocational evaluation shall set forth in
11 writing such elements and shall be in such format as
12 the Commissioner shall prescribe. The Commissioner
13 may provide for waiver by the beneficiary of such a
14 vocational evaluation, subject to regulations which
15 shall be prescribed by the Commissioner providing
16 for the permissible timing of, and the circumstances
17 permitting, such a waiver.

18 “(h) EMPLOYMENT NETWORK PAYMENT SYSTEMS.—

19 “(1) ELECTION OF PAYMENT SYSTEM BY EM-
20 PLOYMENT NETWORKS.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Program shall
22 provide for payment authorized by the Commis-
23 sioner to employment networks under either an
24 outcome payment system or an outcome-mile-
25 stone payment system. Each employment net-

1 work shall elect which payment system will be
2 utilized by the employment network, and, for
3 such period of time as such election remains in
4 effect, the payment system so elected shall be
5 utilized exclusively in connection with such em-
6 ployment network (except as provided in sub-
7 paragraph (B)).

8 “(B) METHOD OF PAYMENT TO EMPLOY-
9 MENT NETWORKS.—Any such election by an
10 employment network taking effect during any
11 period for which a disabled beneficiary is receiv-
12 ing services from such employment network
13 shall not be effective with respect to such bene-
14 ficiary to the extent that such election would re-
15 sult in any change in the method of payment to
16 the employment network with respect to serv-
17 ices provided to such beneficiary from the meth-
18 od of payment to the employment network with
19 respect to services provided to such beneficiary
20 as of immediately before such election.

21 “(2) OUTCOME PAYMENT SYSTEM.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The outcome payment
23 system shall consist of a payment structure gov-
24 erning employment networks electing such sys-

1 tem under paragraph (1)(A) which meets the
2 requirements of this paragraph.

3 “(B) PAYMENTS MADE DURING OUTCOME
4 PAYMENT PERIOD.—The outcome payment sys-
5 tem shall provide for a schedule of payments to
6 an employment network, in connection with
7 each individual who is a beneficiary, for each
8 month, during the individual’s outcome pay-
9 ment period, for which benefits (described in
10 paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (k)) are
11 not payable to such individual.

12 “(C) COMPUTATION OF PAYMENTS TO EM-
13 PLOYMENT NETWORK.—The payment schedule
14 of the outcome payment system shall be de-
15 signed so that—

16 “(i) the payment for each of the 60
17 months during the outcome payment pe-
18 riod for which benefits (described in para-
19 graphs (2) and (3) of subsection (k)) are
20 not payable is equal to a fixed percentage
21 of the payment calculation base for the cal-
22 endar year in which such month occurs;
23 and

1 “(ii) such fixed percentage is set at a
2 percentage which does not exceed 40 per-
3 cent.

4 “(3) OUTCOME-MILESTONE PAYMENT SYS-
5 TEM.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The outcome-mile-
7 stone payment system shall consist of a pay-
8 ment structure governing employment networks
9 electing such system under paragraph (1)(A)
10 which meets the requirements of this para-
11 graph.

12 “(B) EARLY PAYMENTS UPON ATTAIN-
13 MENT OF MILESTONES IN ADVANCE OF OUT-
14 COME PAYMENT PERIODS.—The outcome-mile-
15 stone payment system shall provide for one or
16 more milestones, with respect to beneficiaries
17 receiving services from an employment network
18 under the Program, which are directed toward
19 the goal of permanent employment. Such mile-
20 stones shall form a part of a payment structure
21 which provides, in addition to payments made
22 during outcome payment periods, payments
23 made prior to outcome payment periods in
24 amounts based on the attainment of such mile-
25 stones.

1 “(C) LIMITATION ON TOTAL PAYMENTS TO
2 EMPLOYMENT NETWORK.—The payment sched-
3 ule of the outcome milestone payment system
4 shall be designed so that the total of the pay-
5 ments to the employment network with respect
6 to each beneficiary is less than, on a net
7 present value basis (using an interest rate de-
8 termined by the Commissioner that appro-
9 priately reflects the cost of funds faced by pro-
10 viders), the total amount to which payments to
11 the employment network with respect to the
12 beneficiary would be limited if the employment
13 network were paid under the outcome payment
14 system.

15 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
16 section—

17 “(A) PAYMENT CALCULATION BASE.—The
18 term ‘payment calculation base’ means, for any
19 calendar year—

20 “(i) in connection with a title II dis-
21 ability beneficiary, the average disability
22 insurance benefit payable under section
23 223 for all beneficiaries for months during
24 the preceding calendar year; and

1 “(ii) in connection with a title XVI
2 disability beneficiary (who is not concur-
3 rently a title II disability beneficiary), the
4 average payment of supplemental security
5 income benefits based on disability payable
6 under title XVI (excluding State sup-
7 plementation) for months during the pre-
8 ceding calendar year to all beneficiaries
9 who have attained at least 18 years of age.

10 “(B) OUTCOME PAYMENT PERIOD.—The
11 term ‘outcome payment period’ means, in con-
12 nection with any individual who had assigned a
13 ticket to work and self-sufficiency to an employ-
14 ment network under the Program, a period—

15 “(i) beginning with the first month,
16 ending after the date on which such ticket
17 was assigned to the employment network,
18 for which benefits (described in paragraphs
19 (2) and (3) of subsection (k)) are not pay-
20 able to such individual by reason of en-
21 gagement in work activity; and

22 “(ii) ending with the 60th month
23 (consecutive or otherwise), ending after
24 such date, for which such benefits are not

1 payable to such individual by reason of en-
2 gagement in work activity.

3 “(5) PERIODIC REVIEW AND ALTERATIONS OF
4 PRESCRIBED SCHEDULES.—

5 “(A) PERCENTAGES AND PERIODS.—The
6 Commissioner of Social Security shall periodi-
7 cally review the percentage specified in para-
8 graph (2)(C), the total payments permissible
9 under paragraph (3)(C), and the period of time
10 specified in paragraph (4)(B) to determine
11 whether such percentages, such permissible pay-
12 ments, and such period provide an adequate in-
13 centive for employment networks to assist bene-
14 ficiaries to enter the workforce, while providing
15 for appropriate economies. The Commissioner
16 may alter such percentage, such total permis-
17 sible payments, or such period of time to the
18 extent that the Commissioner determines, on
19 the basis of the Commissioner’s review under
20 this paragraph, that such an alteration would
21 better provide the incentive and economies de-
22 scribed in the preceding sentence.

23 “(B) NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF MILE-
24 STONE PAYMENTS.—The Commissioner shall
25 periodically review the number and amounts of

1 milestone payments established by the Commis-
2 sioner pursuant to this section to determine
3 whether they provide an adequate incentive for
4 employment networks to assist beneficiaries to
5 enter the workforce, taking into account infor-
6 mation provided to the Commissioner by pro-
7 gram managers, the Ticket to Work and Self-
8 Sufficiency Advisory Panel, and other reliable
9 sources. The Commissioner may from time to
10 time alter the number and amounts of mile-
11 stone payments initially established by the
12 Commissioner pursuant to this section to the
13 extent that the Commissioner determines that
14 such an alteration would allow an adequate in-
15 centive for employment networks to assist bene-
16 ficiaries to enter the workforce. Such alteration
17 shall be based on information provided to the
18 Commissioner by program managers, the Ticket
19 to Work and Self-Sufficiency Advisory Panel, or
20 other reliable sources.

21 “(i) **SUSPENSION OF DISABILITY REVIEWS.**—During
22 any period for which an individual is using a ticket to work
23 and self-sufficiency issued under this section, the Commis-
24 sioner (and any applicable State agency) may not initiate
25 a continuing disability review or other review under section

1 221 of whether the individual is or is not under a disability
2 or a review under title XVI similar to any such review
3 under section 221.

4 “(j) AUTHORIZATIONS.—

5 “(1) TITLE II DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES.—

6 There are authorized to be transferred from the
7 Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
8 Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust
9 Fund each fiscal year such sums as may be nec-
10 essary to carry out the provisions of this section
11 with respect to title II disability beneficiaries. Money
12 paid from the Trust Funds under this section with
13 respect to title II disability beneficiaries who are en-
14 titled to benefits under section 223 or who are enti-
15 tled to benefits under section 202(d) on the basis of
16 the wages and self-employment income of such bene-
17 ficiaries, shall be charged to the Federal Disability
18 Insurance Trust Fund, and all other money paid
19 from the Trust Funds under this section shall be
20 charged to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insur-
21 ance Trust Fund. The Commissioner of Social Secu-
22 rity shall determine according to such methods and
23 procedures as shall be prescribed under this sec-
24 tion—

1 “(A) the total amount to be paid to pro-
2 gram managers and employment networks
3 under this section; and

4 “(B) subject to the provisions of the pre-
5 ceding sentence, the amount which should be
6 charged to each of the Trust Funds.

7 “(2) TITLE XVI DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES.—
8 Amounts authorized to be appropriated to the Social
9 Security Administration under section 1601 (as in
10 effect pursuant to the amendments made by section
11 301 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972)
12 shall include amounts necessary to carry out the
13 provisions of this section with respect to title XVI
14 disability beneficiaries.

15 “(k) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

16 “(1) DISABLED BENEFICIARY.—The term ‘dis-
17 abled beneficiary’ means a title II disability bene-
18 ficiary or a title XVI disability beneficiary.

19 “(2) TITLE II DISABILITY BENEFICIARY.—The
20 term ‘title II disability beneficiary’ means an individ-
21 ual entitled to disability insurance benefits under
22 section 223 or to monthly insurance benefits under
23 section 202 based on such individual’s disability (as
24 defined in section 223(d)). An individual is a title II

1 disability beneficiary for each month for which such
2 individual is entitled to such benefits.

3 “(3) TITLE XVI DISABILITY BENEFICIARY.—

4 The term ‘title XVI disability beneficiary’ means an
5 individual eligible for supplemental security income
6 benefits under title XVI on the basis of blindness
7 (within the meaning of section 1614(a)(2)) or dis-
8 ability (within the meaning of section 1614(a)(3)).
9 An individual is a title XVI disability beneficiary for
10 each month for which such individual is eligible for
11 such benefits.

12 “(4) SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENE-
13 FIT.—The term ‘supplemental security income bene-
14 fit under title XVI’ means a cash benefit under sec-
15 tion 1611 or 1619(a), and does not include a State
16 supplementary payment, administered federally or
17 otherwise.

18 “(l) REGULATIONS.—The Commissioner of Social Se-
19 curity shall prescribe such regulations as are necessary to
20 carry out the provisions of this section.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

22 (1) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE II.—

23 (A) Section 221(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
24 421(c)) is amended by adding at the end the
25 following new paragraph:

1 “(4) For suspension of reviews under this subsection
2 in the case of an individual using a ticket to work and
3 self-sufficiency, see section 1147(i).”.

4 (B) Section 222(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
5 422(a)) is repealed.

6 (C) Section 222(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
7 422(b)) is repealed.

8 (D) Section 225(b)(1) of such Act (42
9 U.S.C. 425(b)(1)) is amended by striking “a
10 program of vocational rehabilitation services”
11 and inserting “a program consisting of the
12 Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program
13 under section 1147 or another program of voca-
14 tional rehabilitation services, employment serv-
15 ices, or other support services”.

16 (2) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE XVI.—

17 (A) Section 1615(a) of such Act (42
18 U.S.C. 1382d(a)) is amended to read as follows:

19 “SEC. 1615. (a) In the case of any blind or disabled
20 individual who—

21 “(1) has not attained age 16; and

22 “(2) with respect to whom benefits are paid
23 under this title,

1 the Commissioner of Social Security shall make provision
2 for referral of such individual to the appropriate State
3 agency administering the State program under title V.”.

4 (B) Section 1615(c) of such Act (42
5 U.S.C. 1382d(e)) is repealed.

6 (C) Section 1631(a)(6)(A) of such Act (42
7 U.S.C. 1383(a)(6)(A)) is amended by striking
8 “a program of vocational rehabilitation serv-
9 ices” and inserting “a program consisting of
10 the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Pro-
11 gram under section 1147 or another program of
12 vocational rehabilitation services, employment
13 services, or other support services”.

14 (D) Section 1633(c) of such Act (42
15 U.S.C. 1383b(c)) is amended—

16 (i) by inserting “(1)” after “(c)”; and

17 (ii) by adding at the end the following

18 new paragraph:

19 “(2) For suspension of continuing disability reviews
20 and other reviews under this title similar to reviews under
21 section 221 in the case of an individual using a ticket to
22 work and self-sufficiency, see section 1147(i).”.

23 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subject to subsection (d),
24 the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall

1 take effect with the first month following one year after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 (d) GRADUATED IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6 Commissioner of Social Security shall commence im-
7 plementation of the amendments made by this sec-
8 tion (other than paragraphs (1)(C) and (2)(B) of
9 subsection (b)) in graduated phases at phase-in sites
10 selected by the Commissioner. Such phase-in sites
11 shall be selected so as to ensure, prior to full imple-
12 mentation of the Ticket to Work and Self-Suffi-
13 ciency Program, the development and refinement of
14 referral processes, payment systems, computer link-
15 ages, management information systems, and admin-
16 istrative processes necessary to provide for full im-
17 plementation of such amendments. Subsection (c)
18 shall apply with respect to paragraphs (1)(C) and
19 (2)(B) of subsection (b) without regard to this sub-
20 section.

21 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Implementation of the
22 Program at each phase-in site shall be carried out
23 on a wide enough scale to permit a thorough evalua-
24 tion of the alternative methods under consideration,
25 so as to ensure that the most efficacious methods

1 are determined and in place for full implementation
2 of the Program on a timely basis.

3 (3) FULL IMPLEMENTATION.—The Commis-
4 sioner shall ensure that the Program is fully imple-
5 mented as soon as practicable on or after the effec-
6 tive date specified in subsection (c) but not later
7 than six years after such date.

8 (4) ONGOING EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner
10 shall design and conduct a series of evaluations
11 to assess the cost-effectiveness of activities car-
12 ried out under this section and the amendments
13 made thereby, as well as the effects of this sec-
14 tion and the amendments made thereby on
15 work outcomes for beneficiaries receiving tickets
16 to work and self-sufficiency under the Program.

17 (B) METHODOLOGY.—

18 (i) DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION.—
19 The Commissioner shall design the series
20 of evaluations after receiving relevant ad-
21 vice from experts in the fields of disability,
22 vocational rehabilitation, and program
23 evaluation and individuals using tickets to
24 work and self-sufficiency under the Pro-
25 gram. In designing and carrying out such

1 evaluations, the Commissioner shall consult
2 with the Comptroller General of the United
3 States and other agencies of the Federal
4 Government and with private organizations
5 with appropriate expertise. Before provi-
6 sion of services begins under any phase of
7 Program implementation, the Commis-
8 sioner shall ensure that plans for such
9 evaluations and data collection methods
10 are in place and ready for implementation.

11 (ii) SPECIFIC MATTERS TO BE AD-
12 DRESSED.—Each such evaluation shall ad-
13 dress (but is not limited to):

14 (I) the annual cost (including net
15 cost) of the Program and the annual
16 cost (including net cost) that would
17 have been incurred in the absence of
18 the Program;

19 (II) the determinants of return to
20 work, including the characteristics of
21 beneficiaries in receipt of tickets
22 under the Program;

23 (III) the types of employment
24 services, vocational rehabilitation serv-
25 ices, and other support services fur-

1 nished to beneficiaries in receipt of
2 tickets under the Program who return
3 to work and to those who do not re-
4 turn to work;

5 (IV) the duration of employment
6 services, vocational rehabilitation serv-
7 ices, and other support services fur-
8 nished to beneficiaries in receipt of
9 tickets under the Program who return
10 to work and the duration of such serv-
11 ices furnished to those who do not re-
12 turn to work and the cost to employ-
13 ment networks of furnishing such
14 services;

15 (V) the employment outcomes,
16 including wages, occupations, benefits,
17 and hours worked, of beneficiaries
18 who return to work after receiving
19 tickets under the Program and those
20 who return to work without receiving
21 such tickets;

22 (VI) the characteristics of provid-
23 ers whose services are provided within
24 an employment network under the
25 Program;

1 (VII) the extent (if any) to which
2 employment networks display a great-
3 er willingness to provide services to
4 disabled beneficiaries;

5 (VIII) the characteristics (includ-
6 ing employment outcomes) of those
7 beneficiaries who receive services
8 under the outcome payment system
9 and of those beneficiaries who receive
10 services under the outcome-milestone
11 payment system;

12 (IX) measures of satisfaction
13 among beneficiaries in receipt of tick-
14 ets under the Program; and

15 (X) reasons for (including com-
16 ments solicited from beneficiaries re-
17 garding) their choice not to use their
18 tickets or their inability to return to
19 work despite the use of thier tickets.

20 (C) PERIODIC EVALUATION REPORTS.—

21 Following the close of the third and fifth fiscal
22 years ending after the effective date under sub-
23 section (c), and prior to the close of the seventh
24 fiscal year ending after such date, the Commis-
25 sioner shall transmit to the Committee on Ways

1 and Means of the House of Representatives and
2 the Committee on Finance of the Senate a re-
3 port containing the Commissioner's evaluation
4 of the progress of activities conducted under the
5 provisions of this section and the amendments
6 made thereby. Each such report shall set forth
7 the Commissioner's evaluation of the extent to
8 which the Program has been successful and the
9 Commissioner's conclusions on whether or how
10 the Program should be modified. Each such re-
11 port shall include such data, findings, materials,
12 and recommendations as the Commissioner may
13 consider appropriate.

14 (5) EXTENT OF STATE'S RIGHT OF FIRST RE-
15 FUSAL IN ADVANCE OF FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF
16 AMENDMENTS IN SUCH STATE.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any
18 State in which the amendments made by sub-
19 section (a) have not been fully implemented
20 pursuant to this subsection, the Commissioner
21 shall determine by regulation the extent to
22 which—

23 (i) the requirement under section
24 222(a) of the Social Security Act for
25 prompt referrals to a State agency; and

1 (ii) the authority of the Commissioner
2 under section 222(d)(2) of such Act to
3 provide vocational rehabilitation services in
4 such State by agreement or contract with
5 other public or private agencies, organiza-
6 tions, institutions, or individuals,
7 shall apply in such State.

8 (B) EXISTING AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in
9 subparagraph (A) or the amendments made by
10 subsection (a) shall be construed to limit, im-
11 pede, or otherwise affect any agreement entered
12 into pursuant to section 222(d)(2) of the Social
13 Security Act before the date of the enactment
14 of this Act with respect to services provided
15 pursuant to such agreement to beneficiaries re-
16 ceiving services under such agreement as of
17 such date, except with respect to services (if
18 any) to be provided after six years after the ef-
19 fective date provided in subsection (c).

20 (e) THE TICKET TO WORK AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY
21 ADVISORY PANEL.—

22 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
23 the executive branch a panel to be known as the
24 “Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Advisory

1 Panel” (in this subsection referred to as the
2 “Panel”).

3 (2) DUTIES OF PANEL.—It shall be the duty of
4 the Panel to—

5 (A) advise the Commissioner of Social Se-
6 curity on establishing phase-in sites for the
7 Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program
8 and on fully implementing the Program there-
9 after;

10 (B) advise the Commissioner with respect
11 to the refinement of access of disabled bene-
12 ficiaries to employment networks, payment sys-
13 tems, and management information systems
14 and advise the Commissioner whether such
15 measures are being taken to the extent nec-
16 essary to ensure the success of the Program;

17 (C) advise the Commissioner regarding the
18 most effective designs for research and dem-
19 onstration projects associated with the Program
20 or conducted pursuant to subsection (h);

21 (D) advise the Commissioner on the devel-
22 opment of performance measurements relating
23 to quality assurance under section 1147(d)(6)
24 of the Social Security Act; and

1 (E) furnish progress reports on the Pro-
2 gram to the President and each House of the
3 Congress.

4 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—

5 (A) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The
6 Panel shall be composed of six members as fol-
7 lows:

8 (i) one member appointed by the
9 Chairman of the Committee on Ways and
10 Means of the House of Representatives;

11 (ii) one member appointed by the
12 ranking minority member of the Commit-
13 tee on Ways and Means of the House of
14 Representatives;

15 (iii) one member appointed by the
16 Chairman of the Committee on Finance of
17 the Senate;

18 (iv) one member appointed by the
19 ranking minority member of the Commit-
20 tee on Finance of the Senate; and

21 (v) two members appointed by the
22 President, who may not be of the same po-
23 litical party.

24 (B) REPRESENTATION.—Of the members
25 appointed under subparagraph (A), at least

1 four shall have experience or expert knowledge
2 as a recipient, provider, employer, or employee
3 in the fields of, or related to, employment serv-
4 ices, vocational rehabilitation services, and
5 other support services, of whom—

6 (i) at least one shall represent the in-
7 terests of recipients of employment serv-
8 ices, vocational rehabilitation services, and
9 other support services;

10 (ii) at least one shall represent the in-
11 terests of providers of employment serv-
12 ices, vocational rehabilitation services, and
13 other support services;

14 (iii) at least one shall represent the
15 interests of private employers;

16 (iv) at least one shall represent the in-
17 terests of employees; and

18 (v) at least one shall be an individual
19 who is or has been a recipient of benefits
20 under title II or title XVI based on disabil-
21 ity.

22 (C) TERMS.—

23 (i) IN GENERAL.—Each member shall
24 be appointed for a term of 4 years (or, if
25 less, for the remaining life of the Panel),

1 except as provided in clauses (ii) and (iii).
2 The initial members shall be appointed not
3 later than 90 days after the date of the en-
4 actment of this Act.

5 (ii) TERMS OF INITIAL AP-
6 POINTEES.—As designated by the Presi-
7 dent at the time of appointment, of the
8 members first appointed—

9 (I) three of the members ap-
10 pointed under subparagraph (A) shall
11 be appointed for a term of 2 years;
12 and

13 (II) three of the members ap-
14 pointed under subparagraph (A) shall
15 be appointed for a term of 4 years.

16 (iii) VACANCIES.—Any member ap-
17 pointed to fill a vacancy occurring before
18 the expiration of the term for which the
19 member's predecessor was appointed shall
20 be appointed only for the remainder of that
21 term. A member may serve after the expi-
22 ration of that member's term until a suc-
23 cessor has taken office. A vacancy in the
24 Panel shall be filled in the manner in
25 which the original appointment was made.

1 (D) BASIC PAY.—Members shall each be
2 paid at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of
3 the rate of basic pay for level 4 of the Senior
4 Executive Service, as in effect from time to
5 time under section 5382 of title 5, United
6 States Code, for each day (including travel
7 time) during which they are engaged in the ac-
8 tual performance of duties vested in the Panel.

9 (E) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member
10 shall receive travel expenses, including per diem
11 in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with sec-
12 tions 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States
13 Code.

14 (F) QUORUM.—Four members of the
15 Panel shall constitute a quorum but a lesser
16 number may hold hearings.

17 (G) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of
18 the Panel shall be designated by the President.
19 The term of office of the Chairperson shall be
20 4 years.

21 (H) MEETINGS.—The Panel shall meet at
22 least quarterly and at other times at the call of
23 the Chairperson or a majority of its members.

24 (4) DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF PANEL; EXPERTS
25 AND CONSULTANTS.—

1 (A) DIRECTOR.—The Panel shall have a
2 Director who shall be appointed by the Panel.
3 The Director shall be paid at a rate not to ex-
4 ceed the maximum rate of pay payable for GS-
5 15 of the General Schedule.

6 (B) STAFF.—Subject to rules prescribed
7 by the Panel, the Director may appoint and fix
8 the pay of additional personnel as the Director
9 considers appropriate.

10 (C) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—Sub-
11 ject to rules prescribed by the Panel, the Direc-
12 tor may procure temporary and intermittent
13 services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United
14 States Code.

15 (D) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—
16 Upon request of the Panel, the head of any
17 Federal department or agency may detail, on a
18 reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of that
19 department or agency to the Panel to assist it
20 in carrying out its duties under this Act.

21 (5) POWERS OF PANEL.—

22 (A) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Panel
23 may, for the purpose of carrying out its duties
24 under this subsection, hold such hearings, sit
25 and act at such times and places, and take such

1 testimony and evidence as the Panel considers
2 appropriate.

3 (B) POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.—

4 Any member or agent of the Panel may, if au-
5 thorized by the Panel, take any action which
6 the Panel is authorized to take by this section.

7 (C) MAILS.—The Panel may use the
8 United States mails in the same manner and
9 under the same conditions as other departments
10 and agencies of the United States.

11 (D) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERV-
12 ICES.—Upon the request of the Panel, the Ad-
13 ministrator of General Services shall provide to
14 the Panel, on a reimbursable basis, the admin-
15 istrative support services necessary for the
16 Panel to carry out its duties under this sub-
17 section.

18 (6) REPORTS.—

19 (A) INTERIM REPORTS.—The Panel shall
20 submit to the President and the Congress in-
21 terim reports at least annually.

22 (B) FINAL REPORT.—The Panel shall
23 transmit a final report to the President and the
24 Congress not later than eight years after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act. The final re-

1 port shall contain a detailed statement of the
2 findings and conclusions of the Panel, together
3 with its recommendations for legislation and ad-
4 ministrative actions which the Panel considers
5 appropriate.

6 (7) TERMINATION.—The Panel shall terminate
7 30 days after the date of the submission of its final
8 report under paragraph (6)(B).

9 (8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
10 There are authorized to be appropriated from the
11 Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust
12 Fund, the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund,
13 and the general fund of the Treasury, as appro-
14 priate, such sums as are necessary to carry out this
15 subsection.

16 (f) SPECIFIC REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of Social
18 Security shall prescribe such regulations as are nec-
19 essary to implement the amendments made by this
20 section.

21 (2) SPECIFIC MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED IN
22 REGULATIONS.—The matters which shall be ad-
23 dressed in such regulations shall include (but are not
24 limited to)—

1 (A) the form and manner in which tickets
2 to work and self-sufficiency may be distributed
3 to beneficiaries pursuant to section 1147(b)(1)
4 of such Act;

5 (B) the format and wording of such tick-
6 ets, which shall incorporate by reference any
7 contractual terms governing service by employ-
8 ment networks under the Program;

9 (C) the form and manner in which State
10 agencies may elect participation in the Ticket to
11 Work and Self-Sufficiency Program (and revoke
12 such an election) pursuant to section
13 1147(c)(1) of such Act and provision for peri-
14 odic opportunities for exercising such elections
15 (and revocations);

16 (D) the status of State agencies under sec-
17 tion 1147(c)(2) at the time that State agencies
18 exercise elections (and revocations) under such
19 section 1147(c)(1);

20 (E) the terms of agreements to be entered
21 into with program managers pursuant to sec-
22 tion 1147(d) of such Act, including (but not
23 limited to)—

24 (i) the terms by which program man-
25 agers are precluded from direct participa-

1 tion in the delivery of services pursuant to
2 section 1147(d)(3) of such Act;

3 (ii) standards which must be met by
4 quality assurance measures referred to in
5 paragraph (6) of section 1147(d) and
6 methods of recruitment of employment net-
7 works utilized pursuant to paragraph (2)
8 of section 1147(e); and

9 (iii) the format under which dispute
10 resolution will operate under section
11 1147(d)(7).

12 (F) the terms of agreements to be entered
13 into with employment networks pursuant to sec-
14 tion 1147(d)(4) of such Act, including (but not
15 limited to)—

16 (i) the manner in which service areas
17 are specified pursuant to section
18 1147(f)(2)(A) of such Act;

19 (ii) the general selection criteria and
20 the specific selection criteria which are ap-
21 plicable to employment networks under
22 section 1147(f)(2)(B) of such Act in select-
23 ing service providers;

24 (iii) specific requirements relating to
25 annual financial reporting by employment

1 networks pursuant to section 1147(f)(3) of
2 such Act; and

3 (iv) the national model to which peri-
4 odic outcomes reporting by employment
5 networks must conform under section
6 1147(f)(4) of such Act;

7 (G) standards which must be met by indi-
8 vidual work plans pursuant to section 1147(g)
9 of such Act;

10 (H) standards which must be met by pay-
11 ment systems required under section 1147(h) of
12 such Act, including (but not limited to)—

13 (i) the form and manner in which
14 elections by employment networks of pay-
15 ment systems are to be exercised pursuant
16 to section 1147(h)(1)(A);

17 (ii) the terms which must be met by
18 an outcome payment system under section
19 1147(h)(2);

20 (iii) the terms which must be met by
21 an outcome-milestone payment system
22 under section 1147(h)(3);

23 (iv) any revision of the percentage
24 specified in paragraph (2)(C) of section
25 1147(h) of such Act or the period of time

1 specified in paragraph (4)(B) of such sec-
2 tion 1147(h); and

3 (v) annual oversight procedures for
4 such systems; and

5 (I) procedures for effective oversight of the
6 Program by the Commissioner of Social Secu-
7 rity, including periodic reviews and reporting
8 requirements.

9 (g) WORK INCENTIVE SPECIALISTS.—The Commis-
10 sioner shall establish a corps of trained, accessible, and
11 responsive work incentive specialists to specialize in title
12 II and title XVI disability work incentives for the purpose
13 of disseminating accurate information to disabled bene-
14 ficiaries (as defined in section 1147(k)(1) of the Social
15 Security Act as amended by this Act) with respect to in-
16 quires and issues relating to work incentives.

17 (h) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS PROVIDING FOR RE-
18 Ductions IN DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS BASED
19 ON EARNINGS. —

20 (1) AUTHORITY.—The Commissioner shall con-
21 duct demonstration projects for the purpose of eval-
22 uating, through the collection of data, a program for
23 title II disability beneficiaries (as defined in section
24 1147(k)(2) of the Social Security Act, as amended
25 by this Act) under which each \$1 of benefits payable

1 under section 223, or under section 202 based on
2 the beneficiary's disability, is reduced for each \$2 of
3 such beneficiary's earnings that is above a level to
4 be determined by the Commissioner. Such projects
5 shall be conducted at a number of localities which
6 the Commissioner shall determine is sufficient to
7 adequately evaluate the appropriateness of national
8 implementation of such a program. Such projects
9 shall identify reductions in Federal expenditures
10 that may result from the permanent implementation
11 of such a program.

12 (2) SCOPE AND SCALE AND MATTERS TO BE
13 DETERMINED.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The demonstration
15 projects developed under paragraph (1) shall be
16 of sufficient duration, shall be of sufficient
17 scope, and shall be carried out on a wide
18 enough scale to permit a thorough evaluation of
19 the project to determine—

20 (i) the effects, if any, of induced entry
21 and reduced exit;

22 (ii) the extent, if any, to which the
23 project being tested is affected by whether
24 it is in operation in a locality within an
25 area under the administration of the Tick-

1 et to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program;
2 and

3 (iii) the savings that accrue to the
4 Trust Funds and other Federal programs
5 under the project being tested.

6 The Commissioner shall take into account ad-
7 vice provided by the Ticket to Work and Self-
8 Sufficiency Advisory Panel pursuant to sub-
9 section (e)(2)(C).

10 (B) ADDITIONAL MATTERS.—The Commis-
11 sioner shall also determine with respect to each
12 project—

13 (i) the annual cost (including net
14 cost) of the project and the annual cost
15 (including net cost) that would have been
16 incurred in the absence of the project;

17 (ii) the determinants of return to
18 work, including the characteristics of the
19 beneficiaries who participate in the project;
20 and

21 (iii) the employment outcomes, includ-
22 ing wages, occupations, benefits, and hours
23 worked, of beneficiaries who return to work
24 as a result of participation in the project.

1 The Commissioner may include within the mat-
2 ters evaluated under the project the merits of
3 trial work periods and periods of extended eligi-
4 bility.

5 (3) WAIVERS.—The Commissioner may waive
6 compliance with the benefit provisions of title II of
7 the Social Security Act, and the Secretary of Health
8 and Human Services may waive compliance with the
9 benefit requirements of title XVIII of such Act, in
10 so far as is necessary for a thorough evaluation of
11 the alternative methods under consideration. No
12 such project shall be actually placed in operation un-
13 less at least 90 days prior thereto a written report,
14 prepared for purposes of notification and informa-
15 tion only and containing a full and complete descrip-
16 tion thereof, has been transmitted by the Commis-
17 sioner to the Committee on Ways and Means of the
18 House of Representatives and to the Committee on
19 Finance of the Senate. Periodic reports on the
20 progress of such projects shall be submitted by the
21 Commissioner to such committees. When appro-
22 priate, such reports shall include detailed rec-
23 ommendations for changes in administration or law,
24 or both, to carry out the objectives stated in para-
25 graph (1).

1 (4) INTERIM REPORTS.—On or before June 9
2 in 2000 and each of the succeeding years thereafter,
3 the Commissioner shall submit to the Congress an
4 interim report on the progress of the demonstration
5 projects carried out under this subsection together
6 with any related data and materials which the Com-
7 missioner may consider appropriate.

8 (5) FINAL REPORT.—The Commissioner shall
9 submit to the Congress a final report with respect
10 to all demonstration projects carried out under this
11 section no later than one year after their completion.

12 (6) EXPENDITURES.—Expenditures made for
13 demonstration projects under this subsection shall
14 be made from the Federal Disability Insurance
15 Trust Fund and the Federal Old-Age and Survivors
16 Insurance Trust Fund, as determined appropriate by
17 the Commissioner, and from the Federal Hospital
18 Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Supple-
19 mentary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, as deter-
20 mined appropriate by the Secretary of Health and
21 Human Services, to the extent provided in advance
22 in appropriation Acts.

23 (i) STUDY BY GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE OF
24 EXISTING DISABILITY-RELATED EMPLOYMENT INCEN-
25 TIVES.—

1 (1) STUDY.—As soon as practicable after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
3 General of the United States shall undertake a study
4 to assess existing tax credits and other disability-re-
5 lated employment incentives under the Americans
6 with Disabilities Act of 1990 and other Federal
7 laws. In such study, the Comptroller General shall
8 specifically address the extent to which such credits
9 and other incentives would encourage employers to
10 hire and retain individuals with disabilities under the
11 Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program.

12 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
14 General shall transmit to the Committee on Ways
15 and Means of the House of Representatives and the
16 Committee on Finance of the Senate a written re-
17 port presenting the results of the Comptroller Gen-
18 eral’s study conducted pursuant to this subsection,
19 together with such recommendations for legislative
20 or administrative changes as the Comptroller Gen-
21 eral may determine to be appropriate.

22 (j) STUDY BY GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE OF
23 EXISTING COORDINATION OF THE DI AND SSI PROGRAMS
24 AS THEY RELATE TO INDIVIDUALS ENTERING OR LEAV-
25 ING CONCURRENT ENTITLEMENT.—

1 (1) STUDY.—As soon as practicable after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
3 General of the United States shall undertake a study
4 to evaluate the coordination under current law of the
5 disability insurance program under title II of the So-
6 cial Security Act and the supplemental security in-
7 come program under title XVI of such Act, as such
8 programs relate to individuals entering or leaving
9 concurrent entitlement under such programs. In
10 such study, the Comptroller General shall specifically
11 address the effectiveness of work incentives under
12 such programs with respect to such individuals and
13 the effectiveness of coverage of such individuals
14 under titles XVIII and XIX of such Act.

15 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptrol-
17 ler General shall transmit to the Committee on
18 Ways and Means of the House of Representatives
19 and the Committee on Finance of the Senate a writ-
20 ten report presenting the results of the Comptroller
21 General’s study conducted pursuant to this sub-
22 section, together with such recommendations for leg-
23 islative or administrative changes as the Comptroller
24 General may determine to be appropriate.

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENDING MEDICARE COVERAGE FOR OASDI DIS-**
2 **ABILITY BENEFIT RECIPIENTS WHO ARE**
3 **USING TICKETS TO WORK AND SELF-SUFFI-**
4 **CIENCY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The next to last sentence of sec-
6 tion 226(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 426)
7 is amended—

8 (1) by striking “throughout all of which” and
9 inserting “throughout the first 24 months of which”;
10 and

11 (2) by inserting after “but not in excess of 24
12 such months” the following: “(plus 24 additional
13 such months in the case of an individual who the
14 Commissioner determines is using a ticket to work
15 and self-sufficiency issued under section 1147, but
16 only for additional months that occur in the 7-year
17 period beginning on the date of the enactment of the
18 Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act of 1998)”.

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months prior to the
20 end of the 7-year period beginning on the date of the en-
21 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human
22 Services and the Commissioner of Social Security shall
23 submit in writing to each House of the Congress their rec-
24 ommendations for further legislative action with respect
25 to the amendments made by subsection (a), taking into
26 account experience derived from efforts to achieve full im-

1 “(ii) there is pending, with respect to
2 such claim, a readjudication by the Com-
3 missioner of Social Security pursuant to
4 relief in a class action or implementation
5 by the Commissioner of a court remand
6 order.

7 “(E) Notwithstanding the provisions of
8 this paragraph, with respect to any individual
9 for whom the Commissioner of Social Security
10 does not perform the entitlement redetermina-
11 tion before the date prescribed in subparagraph
12 (C), the Commissioner shall perform such enti-
13 tlement redetermination in lieu of a continuing
14 disability review whenever the Commissioner de-
15 termines that the individual’s entitlement is
16 subject to redetermination based on the preced-
17 ing provisions of this paragraph, and the provi-
18 sions of section 223(f) of the Social Security
19 Act shall not apply to such redetermination.”.

20 (b) CORRECTION TO EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROVI-
21 SIONS CONCERNING REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES AND
22 TREATMENT REFERRALS OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENE-
23 FICIARIES WHO ARE DRUG ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS.—
24 Section 105(a)(5)(B) of such Act (Public Law 104–121;
25 110 Stat. 853) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(B) The amendments made by para-
2 graphs (2) and (3) shall take effect on July 1,
3 1996, with respect to any individual—

4 “(i) whose claim for benefits is finally
5 adjudicated on or after the date of the en-
6 actment of this Act; or

7 “(ii) whose entitlement to benefits is
8 based upon an entitlement redetermination
9 made pursuant to subparagraph (C).”.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The amendments made by
11 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
12 ment of section 105 of the Contract with America Ad-
13 vancement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–121; 110 Stat.
14 852 et seq.).

15 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM**
16 **DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AUTHORITY.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 505 of the Social Security
18 Disability Amendments of 1980 (Public Law 96–265; 94
19 Stat. 473), as amended by section 12101 of the Consoli-
20 dated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Public
21 Law 99–272; 100 Stat. 282), section 10103 of the Omni-
22 bus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (Public Law 101–
23 239; 103 Stat. 2472), section 5120(f) of the Omnibus
24 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–508;
25 104 Stat. 1388–282), and section 315 of the Social Secu-

1 rity Independence and Program Improvements Act of
2 1994 (Public Law 103–296; 108 Stat. 1531), is further
3 amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1) of subsection (a), by add-
5 ing at the end the following new sentence: “The
6 Commissioner may expand the scope of any such
7 demonstration project to include any group of appli-
8 cants for benefits under such program with impair-
9 ments which may reasonably be presumed to be dis-
10 abling for purposes of such demonstration project,
11 and may limit any such demonstration project to
12 any such group of applicants, subject to the terms
13 of such demonstration project which shall define the
14 extent of any such presumption.”;

15 (2) in paragraph (3) of subsection (a), by strik-
16 ing “June 10, 1996” and inserting “June 10,
17 2001”;

18 (3) in paragraph (4) of subsection (a), by in-
19 serting “and on or before October 1, 2000,” after
20 “1995,”; and

21 (4) in subsection (c), by striking “October 1,
22 1996” and inserting “October 1, 2001”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
24 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
25 ment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 6. PERFECTING AMENDMENTS RELATED TO WITH-**
2 **HOLDING FROM SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.**

3 (a) **INAPPLICABILITY OF ASSIGNMENT PROHIBI-**
4 **TION.**—Section 207 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 407) is amended by adding at the end the following new
6 subsection:

7 “(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to pro-
8 hibit withholding taxes from any benefit under this title,
9 if such withholding is done pursuant to a request made
10 in accordance with section 3402(p)(1) of the Internal Rev-
11 enue Code of 1986 by the person entitled to such benefit
12 or such person’s representative payee.”.

13 (b) **PROPER ALLOCATION OF COSTS OF WITHHOLD-**
14 **ING BETWEEN THE TRUST FUNDS AND THE GENERAL**
15 **FUND.**—Section 201(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 401(g))
16 is amended—

17 (1) by inserting before the period in paragraph
18 (1)(A)(ii) the following: “and the functions of the
19 Social Security Administration in connection with
20 the withholding of taxes from benefits, as described
21 in section 207(c), pursuant to requests by persons
22 entitled to such benefits or such persons’ representa-
23 tive payee”;

24 (2) by inserting before the period at the end of
25 paragraph (1)(A) the following: “and the functions
26 of the Social Security Administration in connection

1 with the withholding of taxes from benefits, as de-
2 scribed in section 207(c), pursuant to requests by
3 persons entitled to such benefits or such persons'
4 representative payee”;

5 (3) in paragraph (1)(B)(i)(I), by striking “sub-
6 paragraph (A)),” and inserting “subparagraph (A))
7 and the functions of the Social Security Administra-
8 tion in connection with the withholding of taxes from
9 benefits, as described in section 207(c), pursuant to
10 requests by persons entitled to such benefits or such
11 persons' representative payee,”;

12 (4) in paragraph (1)(C)(iii), by inserting before
13 the period the following: “and the functions of the
14 Social Security Administration in connection with
15 the withholding of taxes from benefits, as described
16 in section 207(c), pursuant to requests by persons
17 entitled to such benefits or such persons' representa-
18 tive payee”;

19 (5) in paragraph (1)(D), by inserting after
20 “section 232” the following: “and the functions of
21 the Social Security Administration in connection
22 with the withholding of taxes from benefits as de-
23 scribed in section 207(c)”;

24 (6) in paragraph (4), by inserting after the first
25 sentence the following: “The Board of Trustees of

1 such Trust Funds shall prescribe the method of de-
2 termining the costs which should be borne by the
3 general fund in the Treasury of carrying out the
4 functions of the Social Security Administration in
5 connection with the withholding of taxes from bene-
6 fits, as described in section 207(c), pursuant to re-
7 quests by persons entitled to such benefits or such
8 persons' representative payee."

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 subsection (b) shall apply to benefits paid on or after the
11 first day of the second month beginning after the month
12 in which this Act is enacted.

13 **SEC. 7. TREATMENT OF PRISONERS.**

14 (a) IMPLEMENTATION OF PROHIBITION AGAINST
15 PAYMENT OF TITLE II BENEFITS TO PRISONERS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(x)(3) of the So-
17 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(x)(3)) is amend-
18 ed—

19 (A) by inserting "(A)" after "(3)"; and

20 (B) by adding at the end the following new
21 subparagraph:

22 "(B)(i) The Commissioner shall enter into an agree-
23 ment under this subparagraph with any interested State
24 or local institution comprising a jail, prison, penal institu-
25 tion, or correctional facility, or comprising any other insti-

1 tution a purpose of which is to confine individuals as de-
2 scribed in paragraph (1)(A)(ii). Under such agreement—

3 “(I) the institution shall provide to the Com-
4 missioner, on a monthly basis and in a manner spec-
5 ified by the Commissioner, the names, Social Secu-
6 rity account numbers, dates of birth, confinement
7 commencement dates, and, to the extent available to
8 the institution, such other identifying information
9 concerning the individuals confined in the institution
10 as the Commissioner may require for the purpose of
11 carrying out paragraph (1); and

12 “(II) the Commissioner shall pay to the institu-
13 tion, with respect to information described in sub-
14 clause (I) concerning each individual who is confined
15 therein as described in paragraph (1)(A), who re-
16 ceives a benefit under this title for the month pre-
17 ceeding the first month of such confinement, and
18 whose benefit under this title is determined by the
19 Commissioner to be not payable by reason of con-
20 finement based on the information provided by the
21 institution, \$400 (subject to reduction under clause
22 (ii)) if the institution furnishes the information to
23 the Commissioner within 30 days after the date such
24 individual’s confinement in such institution begins,
25 or \$200 (subject to reduction under clause (ii)) if

1 the institution furnishes the information after 30
2 days after such date but within 90 days after such
3 date.

4 “(ii) The dollar amounts specified in clause (i)(II)
5 shall be reduced by 50 percent if the Commissioner is also
6 required to make a payment to the institution with respect
7 to the same individual under an agreement entered into
8 under section 1611(e)(1)(I).

9 “(iii) The provisions of section 552a of title 5, United
10 States Code, shall not apply to any agreement entered into
11 under clause (i) or to information exchanged pursuant to
12 such agreement.

13 “(iv) There is authorized to be transferred from the
14 Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and
15 the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, as appro-
16 priate, such sums as may be necessary to enable the Com-
17 missioner to make payments to institutions required by
18 clause (i)(II).

19 “(v) The Commissioner is authorized to provide, on
20 a reimbursable basis, information obtained pursuant to
21 agreements entered into under clause (i) to any agency
22 administering a Federal or federally-assisted cash, food,
23 or medical assistance program for eligibility purposes.”.

24 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
25 by this subsection shall apply to individuals whose

1 period of confinement in an institution commences
2 on or after the first day of the fourth month begin-
3 ning after the month in which this Act is enacted.

4 (b) ELIMINATION OF TITLE II REQUIREMENT THAT
5 CONFINEMENT STEM FROM CRIME PUNISHABLE BY IM-
6 PRISONMENT FOR MORE THAN 1 YEAR.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(x)(1)(A) of such
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 402(x)(1)(A)) is amended—

9 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
10 striking “during” and inserting “throughout”;

11 (B) in clause (i), by striking “an offense
12 punishable by imprisonment for more than 1
13 year (regardless of the actual sentence im-
14 posed)” and inserting “a criminal offense”; and

15 (C) in clause (ii)(I), by striking “an of-
16 fense punishable by imprisonment for more
17 than 1 year” and inserting “a criminal of-
18 fense”.

19 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
20 by this subsection shall apply to individuals whose
21 period of confinement in an institution commences
22 on or after the first day of the fourth month begin-
23 ning after the month in which this Act is enacted.

24 (c) CONFORMING TITLE XVI AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) FIFTY PERCENT REDUCTION IN TITLE XVI
2 PAYMENT IN CASE INVOLVING COMPARABLE TITLE II
3 PAYMENT.—Section 1611(e)(1)(I) of the Social Se-
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1382(e)(1)(I)) is amended—

5 (A) in clause (i)(II), by inserting “(subject
6 to reduction under clause (ii))” after “\$400”
7 and after “\$200”;

8 (B) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii)
9 as clauses (iii) and (iv) respectively; and

10 (C) by inserting after clause (i) the follow-
11 ing new clause:

12 “(ii) The dollar amounts specified in clause (i)(II)
13 shall be reduced by 50 percent if the Commissioner is also
14 required to make a payment to the institution with respect
15 to the same individual under an agreement entered into
16 under section 202(x)(3)(B).”.

17 (2) EXPANSION OF CATEGORIES OF INSTITU-
18 TIONS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH
19 THE COMMISSIONER.—Section 1611(e)(1)(I)(i) of
20 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382(e)(1)(I)(i)) is amended in
21 the matter preceding subclause (I) by striking “in-
22 stitution” and all that follows through “section
23 202(x)(1)(A),” and inserting “institution comprising
24 a jail, prison, penal institution, or correctional facil-
25 ity, or with any other interested State or local insti-

1 tution a purpose of which is to confine individuals
2 as described in section 202(x)(1)(A)(ii),”.

3 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
4 by this subsection shall take effect as if included in
5 the enactment of section 203(a) of the Personal Re-
6 sponsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation
7 Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–193; 110 Stat. 2186).
8 The reference to section 202(x)(1)(A)(ii) of the So-
9 cial Security Act in section 1611(e)(1)(I)(i) of such
10 Act as amended by paragraph (2) shall be deemed
11 a reference to such section 202(x)(1)(A)(ii) as
12 amended by subsection (b)(1)(C).

13 (d) CONTINUED DENIAL OF BENEFITS TO SEX OF-
14 FENDERS REMAINING CONFINED TO PUBLIC INSTITU-
15 TIONS UPON COMPLETION OF PRISON TERM.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(x)(1)(A) of the
17 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(x)(1)(A)) is
18 amended—

19 (A) in clause (i), by striking “or” at the
20 end;

21 (B) in clause (ii)(IV), by striking the pe-
22 riod and inserting “, or”; and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following new
24 clause:

1 “(iii) immediately upon completion of confine-
 2 ment as described in clause (i) pursuant to convic-
 3 tion of a criminal offense an element of which is sex-
 4 ual activity, is confined by court order in an institu-
 5 tion at public expense pursuant to a finding that the
 6 individual is a sexually dangerous person or a sexual
 7 predator or a similar finding.”.

8 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 9 202(x)(1)(B)(ii) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
 10 402(x)(1)(B)(ii)) is amended by striking “clause
 11 (ii)” and inserting “clauses (ii) and (iii)”.

12 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
 13 by this subsection shall apply with respect to bene-
 14 fits for months ending after the date of the enact-
 15 ment of this Act.

16 **SEC 8. REVOCATION BY MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY OF EX-**
 17 **EMPTION FROM SOCIAL SECURITY COV-**
 18 **ERAGE.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
 20 1402(e)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, any ex-
 21 emption which has been received under section 1402(e)(1)
 22 of such Code by a duly ordained, commissioned, or li-
 23 censed minister of a church, a member of a religious order,
 24 or a Christian Science practitioner, and which is effective
 25 for the taxable year in which this Act is enacted, may be

1 revoked by filing an application therefor (in such form and
2 manner, and with such official, as may be prescribed in
3 regulations made under chapter 2 of such Code), if such
4 application is filed no later than the due date of the Fed-
5 eral income tax return (including any extension thereof)
6 for the applicant's second taxable year beginning after De-
7 cember 31, 1998. Any such revocation shall be effective
8 (for purposes of chapter 2 of the Internal Revenue Code
9 of 1986 and title II of the Social Security Act), as speci-
10 fied in the application, either with respect to the appli-
11 cant's first taxable year beginning after December 31,
12 1998, or with respect to the applicant's second taxable
13 year beginning after such date, and for all succeeding tax-
14 able years; and the applicant for any such revocation may
15 not thereafter again file application for an exemption
16 under such section 1402(e)(1). If the application is filed
17 after the due date of the applicant's Federal income tax
18 return for a taxable year and is effective with respect to
19 that taxable year, it shall include or be accompanied by
20 payment in full of an amount equal to the total of the
21 taxes that would have been imposed by section 1401 of
22 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to all of
23 the applicant's income derived in that taxable year which
24 would have constituted net earnings from self-employment
25 for purposes of chapter 2 of such Code (notwithstanding

1 section 1402 (c)(4) or (c)(5) of such Code) except for the
2 exemption under section 1402(e)(1) of such Code.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall apply
4 with respect to service performed (to the extent specified
5 in such subsection) in taxable years beginning after De-
6 cember 31, 1998, and with respect to monthly insurance
7 benefits payable under title II of the Social Security Act
8 on the basis of the wages and self-employment income of
9 any individual for months in or after the calendar year
10 in which such individual’s application for revocation (as
11 described in such subsection) is effective (and lump-sum
12 death payments payable under such title on the basis of
13 such wages and self-employment income in the case of
14 deaths occurring in or after such calendar year).

15 **SEC. 9. ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL AMENDMENT RELATING**
16 **TO COOPERATIVE RESEARCH OR DEM-**
17 **ONSTRATION PROJECTS UNDER TITLES II**
18 **AND XVI.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1110(a)(3) of the Social
20 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1310(a)(3)) is amended by strik-
21 ing “title XVI” and inserting “title II or XVI”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
23 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
24 ment of the Social Security Independence and Program

- 1 Improvements Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–296; 108
- 2 Stat. 1464).

Passed the House of Representatives June 4, 1998.

Attest:

Clerk.